



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Teri Rennia, City Council President
Angela Holmes, City Clerk

MINUTES SPECIAL WORK SESSION City Council Work Room, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton Monday June 16, 2014

Called to Order. Called to order by Council President Rennia at 5:05pm.

Council Members Present: Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Teri Rennia, Chris Papastrat, John Matzo

Council Members Absent: Lea Webb, Bill Berg (arrived at 7:22pm)

Also Present: Thomas Costello, Supervisor of Building Construction, Zoning and Code Enforcement; Richard David, Mayor; Marty Doorey, Community Development Advisory Committee Chair; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Robert Murphy, Director of Economic Development; Jeremy C. Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk; Jennie Skeadas-Sherry, Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development; Jennifer Taylor, Grants Administrator

ITEMS CONSIDERED

Questions from Previous Meeting. Jennifer Taylor, Grants Administrator, led a review of a memo from Melissa Enoch, Sustainable Development Planner, which responded to the various questions received at the Special Work Session held on June 4, 2014 regarding the Main/Court Street Corridor Zoning plan.

Main/Court Street Corridor Plan, Section 2, "Commercial Corridor".

- Regarding building height in the Commercial Corridor district, what was the reason for limiting the proposed stories/feet to 3/45', instead of the 4/50' allowed in the Main Street district? What is the difference between the two districts which causes a change in proposed building height regulations?

Main/Court Street Corridor Plan, Section 2, "Design Standards".

- Regarding Item A2, "Transitional Buffer", is it necessary to outline the exact number of trees and shrubs required? In addition, does the table provided imply that all plant items listed are required in the buffer, or are they simply options from which a developer can choose? Clarify the intent of the table provided. What are the average costs for each of these items?
- Regarding Items B2 and B3, is it necessary to list the building materials developers are allowed to use? Solicit advice from recent developers operating in the City to obtain their opinion on the proposed list, and ask whether or not their development would have been affected had they been required to adhere to these regulations. What do other municipalities do regarding allowable building materials? What standards do they have in place?
- Regarding Item B5, is it necessary to include this? What does a "natural, muted shade" mean? Variations on beige?
- Rearrange the order of Section B, moving Item B6, "Alternate Materials" to Item B4, to be placed directly after allowable materials.
- Regarding Section D, this section should be reworded in a way that would give the Planning Department more discretion in the application of these rules. Remove the phrase "must be".



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- Regarding Items E3 and E4, do these proposed regulations account for ADA specifications regarding accessibility?

Main/Court Street Corridor Plan, Section 3, "Land Use".

- Corporation Counsel should review this section, to see if the listed approving authorities are correct (Planning Director, Supervisor of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement).
- Regarding the Permitted Use Table, should gardens be permitted by right in all listed districts? What are the current regulations on this matter? What is the difference between something which is permitted by right versus something permitted by right subject to special conditions?

Future Actions. City Council's Work Session scheduled for Monday July 7, 2014 will begin at 5:00pm instead of 6:00pm, in order to finish the review of the Main/Court Street Corridor Plan.

RL 14-86. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to submit the Fiscal Year 40 Annual Action Plan and to accept any and all funds allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development from the CDBG, ESG and HOME entitlement programs.

Presented by: Marty Doorey, Community Development Advisory Committee Chair; Jennifer Taylor, Grants Administrator

1. Motion to amend the proposed Fiscal Year 40 Annual Action Plan, reducing budget line CD8662.533506.CDY40 (Public Infrastructure) from \$135,000 to \$130,000, and reducing budget line CD8666.533508.CDY40 (Demolition) from \$205,979 to \$200,979, moving the combined total of \$10,000 to budget line CD8668.533531.CDY40 (Senior Repair Program).

Moved by Matzo, seconded by Mihalko.

Voice vote, none opposed.

2. Request for Legislation (as amended) supported by: Motsavage, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat.
Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

Discussion. Holiday lights and decorations in Downtown Binghamton.

Presented by: Ren Fanning, Gorgeous Washington Street Association (GWSA); Kim DeLisa, GWSA

Discussion. Appointment of Makayla Martinkovic to the Binghamton Shade Tree Commission.

Presented by: Jennie Skeadas-Sherry, Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development

RL 14-92. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a School Resource Officer agreement with the Binghamton City School District.

Presented by: Joseph T. Zikuski, Police Chief

Request for Legislation supported by: Motsavage, Matzo, Berg, Mihalko, Papastrat

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

Note: Item sent to the Business Meeting held on June 18, 2014.

RL 14-88. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with Delta Engineers for additional design and construction inspection for the Exchange Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project (PIN 9753.10).

Presented by: Philip T. Krey, City Engineer

Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Motsavage, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat



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RL 14-89. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into Supplemental Agreement No. 4 with Shumaker Consulting Engineering for additional construction inspection services on the Court Street Gateway Project (PIN 9753.06).

Presented by: Philip T. Krey, City Engineer

Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Motsavage, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat

Sent to Corporation Council to be drafted as legislation.

RL 14-90. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with NYSDOT for the design of the South Washington Street Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation Project (PIN 9753.96).

Presented by: Philip T. Krey, City Engineer

Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Motsavage, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat

Sent to Corporation Council to be drafted as legislation.

RL 14-87. An Ordinance amending the 2014 Risk Management budget to transfer \$30,000 from budget line M1910.54900 (Provision for Incurred Loss) to budget line M1910.54430 (Legal Services).

Presented by: Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel

Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Motsavage, Matzo, Mihalko, Papastrat

Sent to Corporation Council to be drafted as legislation.

RL 14-85. A Resolution authorizing free parking July 10-13, 2014 for July Fest.

Presented by: Angela Holmes, City Clerk

Request for Legislation supported by: Motsavage, Matzo, Mihalko, Berg, Papastrat

Sent to Corporation Council to be drafted as legislation.

Note: Item sent to the Business Meeting held on June 18, 2014.

RL 14-91. A Resolution urging Broome County to not close the Broome County Mental Health Clinic.

Presented by: Angela Holmes, City Clerk

Request for Legislation supported by: Motsavage, Matzo, Mihalko, Berg, Papastrat

Sent to Corporation Council to be drafted as legislation.

Discussion. Review of pending legislation and Committee reports.

Presented by: Councilman Motsavage

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 7:47pm.

Moved by Papastrat, seconded by Matzo.

Voice vote, none opposed.